GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PANCHAYATI RAJ
LOK SABHA

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IMPLEMENTATION OF PROJECTS THROUGH PRI
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Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) whether Panchayati Raj Institutions can ensure successful implementation of various projects in the rural areas of the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF PANCHAYATI RAJ(SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) constitute the third tier of administration for local governance in rural India institutionalized by the 73rd Constitutional Amendment Act, 1992 which envisages, inter alia, implementation and monitoring of various developmental and welfare schemes launched by the Union Government and respective State Governments by the PRIs functioning as "Institutions of Local Self-Government" (Art. 243G). Various measures of empowerment of PRIs, including devolution of functions, functionaries and funds, have been undertaken by State Governments to enable PRIs to implement such developmental and welfare schemes effectively and efficiently. Empowerment of PRIs with emphasis on inclusive growth attendant with inclusive governance is a continuous process and the Ministry of Panchayati Raj is taking the required steps in this regard from time to time in consultation with State Governments.